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SUBJECT: INTELLECTUALS VISIT

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE FAHMY, PLEASE RAISE WITH HIM THE FOLLOWING ON MY BEHALF.

2. I HAD RAISED WITH FAHMY, I BELIEVE IN AUGUST, A PROPOSED VISIT TO EGYPT BY THREE PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWISH INTELLECTUALS WHO SUPPORT OUR MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET PRESIDENT SADAT. THEIR INTENTION IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THEIR FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S POLICIES AND TO URGE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. WHEN I RAISED THIS EARLIER IN EGYPT, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE WAIT UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT. THESE INTELLECTUALS HAVE NOW RENEWED THEIR REQUEST, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE ISMAIL'S ADVICE AS TO PRECISE TIMING AND PROCEDURES FOR
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A VISIT TO CAIRO, IF HE STILL AGREES IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. THE THREE ARE, FIRST, PROFESSOR HANS J. MORGENTHAU, NOW OF CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, WHO IS AN EMINENT SCHOLAR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE IS ANTI-SOVIET AND AN ADVOCATE OF A STRONG U.S. ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY, BUT HE IS A RESPONSIBLE CRITIC, A PERSONAL FRIEND, AND HAS BEEN MUCH MORE SYMPATHETIC TO US LATELY.

4. THE SECOND IS PROFESSOR JOHN G. STOESSINGER, ALSO OF CUNY. HE HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON SUPERPOWER RELATIONS AND UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS. THE THIRD IS THE NOVELIST ELIE WIESEL, WHO IS A LEADING FIGURE IN AMERICAN JEWISH CULTURAL LIFE.

5. ALL OF THEM ARE PRO-ISRAELI BUT THEY HAVE COME TOTALLY TO SHARE THE VIEW THAT ISRAEL'S BEST INTEREST NOW LIES IN CONTINUING THE PEACE PROCESS, AVOIDING DIPLOMATIC STAGNATION, AND COMING TO TERMS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY ALL HAVE CONSIDERABLE MORAL INFLUENCE IN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. I WOULD NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH ISMAIL IF I DID NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COURSE WE ARE PURSUING. KISSINGER

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